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1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY THAT ISRAELI MINISTER OF TOURISM WILL HAVE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL MORNING OF JULY 5. THIS WILL BE FIRST CALL AT VATICAN BY MEMBER GOI SINCE MRS. MEIR'S JAN. 1973 VISIT.

2. AS GESTURE TO VATICAN, GOI HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT ISRAELI CHRISTIANS MAKING PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR 1975 HOLY YEAR WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ISRAELI TOURIST DEPARTURE TAXES.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE PLUS OTHER STRAWS IN WIND INDICATE GOI MAKING HEIGHTENED EFFORT IMPROVE SOMEWHAT COOL RELATIONS WITH VATICAN, UNDOUBTEDLY IN HOPE OF BEING ABLE INFLUENCE CHURCH'S POSITION ON JERUSALEM AND HOLY PLACES. VOLPE

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